Cementing of road between Mohan to Chauri Ghatti, Uttaranchal

1142. SHRI SURYABHAN PATIL VAHADANE: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the stretch of road between Mohan to Chauri Ghatti *via* Harara and Ghatti to Basot in Almora Districts of Uttaranchal has not been cemented for the last thirty years;

(b) if so whether Government have earmarked any scheme under Rural Development Programme for cementing the said road; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. VENKAIAH NAIDU): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The State Government have reported that these roads were sanctioned as katchcha Hill Motor Roads and as such the roads were not metalled except 2 km. of Mohan to Chauri Ghatti road and 1 km. of Ghatti to Basot road, which have been black topped. While there is no proposal for cementing the said roads, proposal for metalling the remaining portions of these roads is under consideration of the Government of Uttaranchal.

Proposal to remove Kurnool and Anantapur Districts from DPAP

1143. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to remove Kurnool and Anantapur districts from the DPAP programme of Government from the next year;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor including the criteria adopted for such a decision;

(c) whether the State Government was consulted in this regard; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ANNA SAHIB M.K. PATIL): (a) There

is no proposal to remove Kurnool district from the Drought Prone Areas Programme (DPAP) from the next year. However, Anantapur district is not covered under DPAP but is covered under another programme called the Desert Development Programme (DDP). It will continue to be covered under this Programme during next year also.

(b) to (d) In view of (a) above, the question does not arise.

EAS under implementation in rural areas of Gujarat

1144. SHRI AHMED PATEL: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the rural areas in Gujarat where Employment Assurance Scheme (EAS) is under implementation at present and during the last three years, year-wise and district-wise;

(b) the mandays created under EAS in the State during the said period;

(c) whether shortcomings have come to the notice of Government in implementation of EAS in the State; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and corrective measures being taken by Government?

THE MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. VENKAIAH NAIDU): (a) The Employment Assurance Scheme is being implemented since October 1996 in all the rural blocks of the country including Gujarat.

(b) The mandays created under the EAS during the last three years in the State of Gujarat are given as under:

Year	Mandays (in lakhs)
1998-99	63.07
1999-2000	48.49
2000-2001	80.00

(c) and (d) Certain shortcomings in the implementation of the EAS have been pointed out in C&AG Report No. 3 of the 2000 on